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Cops are back on city roads

▶ Traffic Police resume random checking of vehicles

▶ Inaugural day drive yields revenue of Rs. 1,18,600

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (RK&BCT)- With COVID-induced restrictions and weekend curfews, the city Traffic Police had stopped physical verification of commuters who flouted traffic rules. However, as the norms have been relaxed now, the Cops are back on the streets to flag down traffic offenders. And they have chosen the end of Ganesh Chaturthi as the start date for their drive against offenders.

Yesterday, in the single-day drive launched by the Narasimharaja Traffic Police (Mandi Mohalla limits) netted a revenue of Rs. 1,18,600 where 233 cases were booked. Of this, 68 cases were booked for triple riding on two-wheelers and a fine of Rs. 35,000 was collected. 93 cases were booked and Rs. 45,000 was collected for violating one-way rule, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta told *Star of Mysore*.

The drive comes in the wake of repeated accidents, major and minor, rampant helmet-less riding, conversing on mobile phones while driving/ riding, triple riding on a two-wheeler, signal jumping and violation of one-way rules.

Special drives have been launched from each Traffic Station and are being monitored by the Traffic Sub-Division heads.

(See COPS on page 7)

Demolition of illegal religious structures

Controversy erupts as leaders raise voice

Siddharamaiah, Pratap Simha, G.T. Devegowda speak against move

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (PM, DM & BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) move to demolish over 93 identified illegal religious structures at public places including roads, junctions and parks has snowballed into a major controversy with leaders from all political parties taking objection to the move.

Siddharamaiah

Pratap Simha

G.T. Devegowda

In August, State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar had asked for a follow-up report on the pending demolition drive — based on the Supreme Court and High Court rulings — and the reasons behind the delay in implementing the order. Following the meeting, the District Administration and the MCC began the demolition drive and many roadside structures were razed in pre-dawn operations.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha took severe exception to equating Temples with Churches and Mosques. Visiting the 101 Ganapati Temple at Agrahara and addressing the media this morning, he said, "Churches and Mosques cannot be weighed equally with Temples as they are just prayer halls."

He alleged that the officers in the District Administration were targeting only Temples, leaving out the rest. "Officers must respect the sentiments of the public before deciding anything in haste. In the name of the Supreme Court order, many Temples have been razed. As per the Supreme Court guidelines, a review must be conducted before unauthorised religious structures are demolished. But here, the Mysuru authorities are not reviewing the structures and have outrightly demolished them," MP Pratap Simha alleged.

(See LEADERS on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 12th September 2021

8 Kodagu soldiers in United Nations Peacekeeping Force

Madikeri, Sept. 12 (AK)- Kodagu has the honour of having enriched our armed forces since ages. Now, eight soldiers from the district have been selected for the United Nation Peacekeeping Force in Lebanon.

Soldiers who are currently serving in various regiments in the Army will join the camp soon. Pemmanda S. Ravindra from Ponnampet, Karotira Lokesh from Pollibetta, Vinod Kalappa from Galibeedu; Ponnachettira Palangappa from Kalur village, Sathish. V. Doddaiah from Shanivarasanthe, Dinesh Pujari from Chamundeshwari Nagar in Madikeri, Deekshith Shetty from Bhagavathi Nagar and Bharath Pujari from Kaggodlu village.

The United Nations Peacekeeping Force is employed by the world organisation to maintain or re-establish peace in an area of armed conflict. More than 5,500 Indian military and Police personnel are serving in peace operations in Abyei, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon, Middle East, Somalia, South Sudan and the Western Sahara.

As of March 2021, a total of 19,075 personnel have been deployed in the UN mission in South Sudan. Now the eight soldiers from Kodagu will take part in the UN Peacekeeping Forces camp in Lebanon.

Concessional student bus pass

Mysuru, Sept. 12- The State-run KSRTC has invited online applications from school and college students for issuance of free and concessional bus passes for the academic year 2021-22. Website: *https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in*

The issuance of student bus passes has begun and the students can submit their application forms along with necessary documents and pass fee at the City Bus Stand, Mysuru and Bus Stand counters at K.R. Nagar, Hunsur, H.D. Kote, Periyapatna, Saligrama, Bilikere, Bettadapura and Saragur.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A few cars have been found to sport a board of some non-existent human rights body; another had four or five different stickers all over its rear. Of the whole lot, probably the most misused one would be the 'Press' sticker. So rampant is this flagrance that just anyone who wants to escape a cop uses it. The original purpose of such stickers was to identify professionals and give them the right of way and access their duty demands. For example, a car sporting a 'Dr' sticker should be respected for the person in it may be on his way to save a life. Similarly, a journalist may be on her way to report an emergency. Today, because of misuse, none of these stickers is respected for what they were meant to be.

Professional stickers have to be restricted for use exclusively by those designated. For this, professional bodies in coordination with the government should issue these badges with the rigour of issuing driving licences. While these should not land in the wrong hands, the authorities should ensure that all the deserving get them. The government gives authorised Press stickers, but they are limited to accredited journalists, and a large majority of working journalists are not accredited. Vehicles sporting stickers should be periodically checked and anyone misusing them should be booked for impersonation and cheating. That should stop the 'dhobi' ironing clothes from using a sticker that reads 'Press'.

—Arun Ram in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Girl jumps rope 3,000 times a day to grow tall

Beijing: A 13-year-old girl was diagnosed with a serious joint disease caused by being forced to jump rope 3,000 times a day by her mother, as a bizarre way of growing taller.

Chinese media recently reported the case of a 13-year-old girl in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province who developed traction apophysitis of the tibial tubercle after being forced by her mother to jump rope 3,000 a day in order to get taller.

The girl had complained to her mother of knee pain, but she was initially accused of being lazy and was only taken to see a doctor after her symptoms worsened. After performing a physical check-up, doctors ruled out a meniscus injury but warned the mother that excessive exercise can cause serious injuries in children.

Rats with their tails knotted together

Moscow: Reports of the bizarre 'rat king' phenomenon date back to the 16th century, but the recent discovery of a Russian farmer who found five small rats with their tails tied in a giant knot is once again causing scientists to scratch their heads. A rat king occurs when the tails of multiple rodents become so entangled that even an adult human, let alone a creature without opposable thumbs and advanced brain, would have trouble detangling.

Rat kings have been reported numerous times since the mid-16th century, but scientists have yet to properly understand how and why it occurs, or even if it is a natural phenomenon or just a man-made hoax.

The discovery of a new rat king in a flooded field in Russia has once again brought the very existence of the phenomenon into the debate.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Twilight Sleep

General anaesthesia affects the whole body, making you unconscious and unable to move. It's typically used for major and time-consuming operations. In smaller doses, general anaesthesia medication can be used to induce something called "twilight sleep," a less powerful type of anaesthesia that sedates you so that you are sleepy, relaxed, and unlikely to move or know what's going on.

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anaesthesiology

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REALLY...?

- ***IIT Kanpur has its own Airport.***
  Kalyanpur Airport, also known as IIT Kanpur Airport, is a private airport owned by IIT Kanpur. The Aerospace Engineering Department of IIT Kanpur uses this Airport to test their models and they also have glider flying programme.

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife: *"It's our wedding anniversary in a week, darling. How do you think we should celebrate?"*

Husband: *"With a minute of silence."*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.50
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.66
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.01
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.81

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 11
Day's Positive Cases	55	47
Total Positive Cases	1,76,790	1,76,837
Day's Discharges	135	39
Total Discharges	1,73,677	1,73,716
Day's Deaths	0	2
Total Deaths	2,371	2,373
Total Active Cases	742	748

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Calling children of ex-servicemen

Mysuru, Sept. 12- Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement has invited applications from children of Karnataka domiciled Ex-Servicemen who have scored above 60% marks in SSLC and PUC (2020-21), to avail **Gen. K.S. Thimayya Cash Prize.** Students from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar are eligible to apply.

Student scholarship: The Department has also invited applications from children of Karnataka domiciled Pensioner Ex-servicemen to avail student scholarship (2021-22). Children studying in Class 1 to final year Degree, Diploma and other professional courses, can apply.

Books grant: Furthermore, the Department has invited applications from children of Karnataka domiciled non-pensioner ex-servicemen and children of ex-servicemen from other States residing in Karnataka, to avail books grant for the year 2021-22. Children studying in Class 1 to final year degree and Diploma are eligible to apply.

For all the above, prescribed application forms can be collected from the Department office in city and filled-in forms, along with relevant documents, should be submitted before Sept. 30. [Ph: 0821-2425240]

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VOICE OF THE READER

Damaged city roads not restored

Sir,

Mysuru city holds the distinction of being one of the earliest well-planned cities in India. But unfortunately, it is appalling to see the present sorry state of roads in *Namma Mysuru.*

Here I would like to bring to the notice of the civic authorities regarding one particular aspect of non-restoration or non-filling of the road cuttings done for the installation of water lines for new constructions.

Even though the authorities obtain road cutting charges from the construction party, the road cuttings remain unfilled for a long time resulting in a kind of "reverse hump or speed breaker"!

This in turn causes a lot of traffic nuisance and vehicular damage. I urge the responsible authorities to take note of the same and kindly do their duty.

—Dr. S.N. Chandan

Mysuru
7.9.2021

Tribal Institute building works to be completed in two months

President to be invited for inauguration

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (PM&DM)- MP Pratap Simha said that the ongoing works on the construction of new building of Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI) coming up at Kergalli in the outskirts of the city will be completed in a couple of months.

Speaking to press persons after carrying out an inspection of the works on Wednesday last, Simha said that the new building is coming up in a 2-acre plot provided by MUDA at Judicial Layout in Kergalli at a cost of Rs. 9.95 crore, with the State Government funding Rs. 5.95 crore and the Union Government providing the rest Rs. 4 crore.

Pointing out that KSRTI which was set up in 2011 when B.S. Yediyurappa was the Chief Minister is functioning from a rented building since then, the MP said that the then Siddharamaiah-led State Government in 2017-18 realising the need for the Institute to have a own building had sanctioned the project and released Rs. 5.95 crore for the same.

Noting that the new building works is being executed through tenders called by Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society (KREIS), he said that the building is a two-storeyed one, including the ground floor, with a total built-up area of 2,840 Sq.ft.

Maintaining that the foundation-laying ceremony for the new building was not organised due to Election Model Code of conduct, Simha said that the President of India will be invited for the inauguration.

KSTRI Director T.T. Basavanagouda and other officials were present.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Sept. 12- Mangalore University has awarded Ph.D in Speech and Hearing to K. Satish for his thesis 'Descriptive analysis of language in Kannada-speaking children with intellectual disability' [Guide: Dr. T.A. Subba Rao].

University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Biotechnology to **K. Divya** for her thesis 'Neutralisation of dipeptidyl peptidase - IV by plant extract(s) and its role in management of type 2 diabetes' [Guide: Dr. S. Nanjunda Swamy].

'Modi Yug Utsav' from Sept. 17

Former CM Yediyurappa to inaugurate the event in city

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (MTY&DM)- Marking the 71st birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a 'Modi Yuga Utsav' will be held in Krishnaraja (KR) constituency of the city from Sept. 17 to Oct. 6.

Announcing this at a press meet at a private hotel here yesterday, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas said that Sept. 17 is the birthday of Prime Minister Modi and Oct. 6 marks the 20th year of Modi becoming the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Noting that several programmes will be held during the Utsav in various parts of KR Assembly segment under the caption Modi@71 and Azad Bharat@75, he said that former CM B.S. Yediyurappa will inaugurate the Utsav at the park near Sri Ramalingeshwara Temple at Vidyaranyapuram at 12 noon on Sept. 17. District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and other leaders will be present.

Continuing, Ramdas said that a exhibition featuring a host of Government plans, projects, programmes, initiatives and schemes will also be launched on Sept. 17, the day-1 of the Utsav. On Sept. 18, COVID-19 awareness campaigns and COVID vaccination drives will take place at 8 Wards coming under KR Assembly segment, during which it is targeted to vaccinate about 20,000 eligible population. From Sept. 19 to 29, 'Sarva Vyaapi Sarva Sparshi', an initiative aimed at reaching out Government programmes to every household will be carried out. On Sept. 30, COVID vaccination drive will be held in 8 Wards of KR Assembly segment, he said.

KR MLA S.A. Ramdas addressing a press meet at a private hotel in city yesterday as (from left) City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Corporator Shivakumar look on.

On Oct. 1, social security pension sanction certificates will be distributed to beneficiaries. On Oct. 2, Swachhata Abhiyan, sapling planting and launching of Auto Nagar will take place, marking Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti. Also, foundation stone will be laid for Kanakagiri Government High School building on that day. Oct. 3 is dedicated for the launching of plans of Backward Classes Welfare, Social Welfare and Minority Welfare Departments. On Oct. 4, a helath check-up camp and a programme related to skill development and jobs will take place. On Oct. 6, Housing Minister V. Somanna will lay the foundation stone for the construction of Ashraya Houses at Gorur village in the taluk.

CM Bommai to take part in valedictory on Oct. 6

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will take part in the valedictory of the Utsav, that will take place at 5 pm on Oct. 6, during which a booklet containing details about 198 projects undertaken by the Centre will be released, Ramdas explained and added that it is proposed to despatch a copy of the booklet to PM Modi a day earlier.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, who also addressed the press meet, said that measures have been taken to celebrate the PM's birthday in a meaningful manner by launching a service-driven campaign.

Pointing out that patients in some hospitals will be provided fruits and ration kits will be distributed to the needy during the campaign, he said that the campaign also features health check-up and blood donation camps. He further said that the BJP will celebrate the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya on Sept. 25 and Gandhi Jayanti on Oct. 2.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that the foundation stone for the much awaited Auto Nagar will be laid during the Utsav. He further said that 6,800 out of the 10,000 beneficiaries of Ashraya scheme will be issued house allotment letters, under the 'Housing for All' scheme.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, KR BJP leaders Vadivelu, S.G. Shivakumar, Srinivas, Prasad Babu and Rajesh were present at the press meet.

MMC&RI gets 12 new equipment

Nanjaraj

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (MTY&AK)- "Department of Ophthalmology of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) will be handed over more than 12 new equipment and felicitating those who secured gold medals in Ophthalmology from RGUHS, at Meeting Hall of K.R. Hospital on Sept. 13 at 3 pm," informed Dean and Director of MMC&RI, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, he said: "We have been doing around 5,000 cataract surgeries every year. More than 500 patients, not only from Mysuru district but also from neighbouring districts, visit the Department. We are conducting up to 40 cataract surgeries in a day, majority of which is done by Phacoemulsification plus foldable intraocular lens implantation which cost around Rs. 30,000 outside," said Nanjaraj.

He further added, "Apart from these surgeries we also perform Corneal transplant, Trabeculectomy, Dacryocystorhinostomy/ dacryocystectomy, Pteryguim excision and autografting and Oculoplasty & squint surgeries. All these surgeries are done free of cost to the patients. These procedures will cost around Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 30,000 outside. To perform all these surgeries we have a team of 10 well-qualified enthusiastic, experienced and compassionate ophthalmologists," he added.

Head of Ophthalmology Department Dr. K. Satish said, "Oertli Posterior Vitrectomy and phoco machine from Switzerland which costs about Rs. 50 lakh is used for retinal surgeries, Zeiss Nd YAG laser capsulotomy from Germany is used for posterior capsulotomy and iridotomy Zeiss Humphrey field analyser which is also from Germany is used for glaucoma evaluation, Zeiss Operating microscope with XY coupling and HD camera from Germany is used for all surgeries and Digital tonometer from Finland is used for glaucoma evaluation," said Sathish.

"An eye bank attached to our Department which collects eyeballs from donors and the same is used to perform corneal transplant surgeries. The eye bank has received a grant of Rs. 40 lakh from NPCB this year. Global level equipment are being installed at K.R. Hospital and all are imported from Germany and Switzerland. We have also sent experts for special training at Hyderabad," he added.

NEWS BRIEFS

Disruption in water supply

As Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS &DB) has taken up pipeline linking works under Kabini water supply project, there will be disruption in water supply in the following areas on Sept. 14 and 15: Saradadevinagar, Dattagalli, Kuvempunagar, Jayanagar, Lakshmipuram, Sunnadakeri, Agrahara, Gundurao Nagar, Chamundipuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Ramakrishnanagar, Ashokapuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Vishweshwaranagar, J.P. Nagar, Aravindanagar and Srirampura.

Ayurveda camp

On the occasion of 106th birth anniversary of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji, JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, has organised a medical camp for the management of 'Migraine Headaches' from Sept. 13 to 18 between 9 am to 4 pm. [Ph: 0821-2548231/ 433 or 84314-44499]

Financial aid

Lions Club of Mysore Millenium and Sanjana Balaga, has invited applications from economically backward Government School students who have secured above 95%marks in SSLC exams (2021) to provide 13th year Sanjana Memorial Financial Aid. Eligible students may obtain prescribed application forms from Sanjana Balaga Pratishtana, #10, Girigowdara Marga, Telecom Layout, Gangothri Layout and submit the filled-in application form before Sept. 20. For details, contact Mob: 94806-31186.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	116.50 feet
Inflow	:	13,682 cusecs
Outflow	:	10,948 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,281.95 feet
Inflow	:	4,233 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,950 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,858.35 feet
Inflow	:	3,526 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,391 cusecs

R.T. Nagar residents desperately wait for Kabini water

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (MK&DM)- With no near sight of getting Kabini river water, the wait of residents of R.T. Nagar (Ravindranath Tagore Nagar) seems to be only getting longer, with authorities and elected representatives failing to keep their promise.

After forming the much awaited R.T. Nagar Layout, the MUDA allotted sites to applicants in 2017. Soon after the allotment ended, some of the site owners started construction of houses and about 45 houses came up in the locality in a short period. But as the Layout lacked civic amenities, the residents are feeling the pinch and are crying for drinking water, which has eluded them all these years.

H.S. Sripada Rao, a resident of the locality, said that he constructed his house spending lakhs or rupees and now, with lack of drinking water, he feels that living in a rented house would have been much better.

Maintaining that every household in the locality have to pay water Bills up to Rs. 1,200 which are issued based on Commercial category rates, he said that they are receiving power bills to the tune of Rs. 4,000 a month, which is very high compared to rest of the areas.

Srinivas, another resident, said that the authorities were supplying water through water tank vehicles once in a week, he claimed that this quantity of water was not enough for a family of four or five to last for a week. With shortfall in water supplies, he is left wondering on how to arrange money for additional supplies of water, he noted.

Sumana, another resident, said that miscreants are causing problems in the locality.

Contending that miscreants gather in groups at vacant sites, which are many in the area, soon after sunset, she argued that this has caused scare among the residents of the locality.

Rajesh, President of R.T. Nagar Residents Welfare Association, said that the link works that aims to supply Kabini water to the locality has been completed. But what remains to be done is that water must be pumped to the Overhead tank, from where piped water can be supplied to homes, he pointed out.

Maintaining that only electric poles have been installed and overhead cabling works has been kept pending for long, he said that with now proper connection, it has become difficult for pumping water to the over head tank and this is the root cause for the drinking water problem in the locality.

Nobody in the locality knows when their grievances, which have remained unattended ever since the formation of the layout, are suitably addressed by the authorities, he added.

Demolition of religious places: Congress takes exception to MP's remarks

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (MTY&DM)- Accusing BJP MP Pratap Simha of inciting communal hatred over the issue of evacuating unauthorised places of worship constructed at public spaces, city Congress leaders maintained that the evacuation is being undertaken by the District Administration following a Supreme Court order.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan here on Thursday, NR MLA Tanveer Sait said that the evacuation is going on as per a Supreme Court order of 2013 and those in a responsible position should know what to speak about and when.

Alleging that Pratap Simha has been issuing statements on the evacuation of a place of worship on D. Devaraj Urs Road that can incite communal feelings, he charged the MP of misleading people and engaging in vote bank politics.

Maintaining that the MP had 'directed' the Deputy Commissioner on the evacuation issue at the KDP Meeting chaired by the District Minister at the ZP Hall on Wednesday, Sait asserted that the issue of evacuation of a memorial on D. Devaraj Urs Road is now in the Supreme Court and that the MP must not make irresponsible and insensitive statements that disturbs peace and harmony in the society.

He also said that the MP as an elected representative, should stand up for the safety and security of citizens and not incite them against each other by raising communal issues and spreading hatred.

MLA Tanveer Sait** (third from left) **addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan in city on Thursday as** (from left) **former MLAs Vasu and M.K. Somashekar, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Congress Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, former Karnataka Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa look on.

Former MLA Vasu said that the Supreme Court has ordered evacuation of unauthorised places of worship at public places and the District Administration is carrying out evacuation based on the order.

Taking strong exemption to the remarks of MP Pratap Simha, he said that no one is above the law and the MP should understand this and behave in a responsible manner.

Another former MLA M.K. Somashekar said that the MP should first read the 2013 SC order before issuing any statements on evacuation. Contending that the BJP must feel ashamed for the attitude of its MP, he alleged that the MP was issuing statements that are communal in nature, rather than discussing burning problems and developmental issues at meetings.

Questioning the Centre's National Monetisation Plan (NMP), he alleged that the Centre was out to sell profit making Government establishments to a few corporates, under the pretext of leasing them out.

Former Karnataka Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa, Congress Spokesperson M. Lakshmana and other leaders too addressed the press meet.

Ministers appointed for implementation of Amrut Mahotsav schemes

Bengaluru, Sept. 12- Following the announcement of various schemes by the Chief Minister on Aug. 15, 2021, commemorating the Amrut Mahotsav of Indian Independence, the following Ministers have been appointed to Chair the meeting for the implementation the schemes and selection of beneficiaries in the respective districts:

S.T. Somashekar - Mysuru and Chamarajanagar; **Kota Srinivas Poojari -** Kodagu; **Dr. K.C. Narayanagowda -** Mandya; **Govind M. Karjol -** Belagavi; **K.S. Eshwarappa -** Shivamogga; **R. Ashok -** Bengaluru City; **B. Sriramulu -** Chitradurga; **V. Somanna -** Raichur; **Umesh V. Katti -** Bagalkot; **S. Angara -** Dakshina Kannada; **J.C. Madhuswamy -** Tumakuru; **Araga Gnanendra -** Chikkamagalur; **Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan -** Ramanagara; **C.C. Patil -** Gadag; **Anand Singh -** Ballari and Vijayanagar; **Prabhu B. Chauhan -** Bidar; **Murugesh Nirani -** Kalaburagi; **Arbail Shivaram Hebbar -** Uttara Kannada; **B.C. Patil -** Haveri; **B.A. Basavaraj -** Davangere; **Dr. K. Sudhakar -** Chikkaballapur; **K. Gopalaiah -** Hassan; **Shashikala Jolle** - Vijayapura; **MTB Nagaraj -** Bengaluru Rural; **B.C. Nagesh:** Yadgir; **V. Sunil Kumar -** Udupi; **Achar Halappa Basappa -** Koppal; **Shankar B. Patil -** Dharwad and **Munirathna -** Kolar.

Leopard cubs found in sugarcane field

To be shifted to Bannerghatta Biological Park

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (SPN&KS)- Forest Department personnel have rescued two leopard cubs, which were found in a sugarcane field at Daripura village in the taluk yesterday, will be shifted to Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru.

Jayapura Gram Panchayat Member M. Basavanna said that the cubs were separated from their mother about four days ago and they were found while harvesting sugarcane grown in the field of Mahadevappa.

The matter was brought to the notice of Forest officials and the officials were urged to capture the leopardess and relocate it along with her cubs. But the Forest officials convinced the villagers to allow the cubs to stay at the same place for three days hoping that the leopardess would come back and take them.

Basavanna said that as the leopardess did not come to the spot even after four days, the villagers informed the Forest officials, following which a team of Forest personnel led by their officer M. Arjun, rescued the cubs and told the villagers that the cubs would be shifted to Mysuru Zoo besides asking them not to move around the spot where the cubs were found for a few days.

Basavanna further said that the Forest officials have been requested to trap the leopardess by placing a cage in the sugarcane field to which the Forest officials stated that a cage has been placed already at the nearby Gopalapura following a request from

the villagers and added that as there is a huge open space surrounding the spot, it was doubtful that the leopardess would walk into the trap.

Meanwhile, Forest officials Arjun and Mallaiah told *Star of Mysore* that the leopardess had given birth in the sugarcane field of Mahadevappa about 20 days back and the cubs were found while harvesting sugarcane four days ago, which were brought to our notice.

They further said that they waited for two days for the leopardess to take back the cubs but as the leopardess did not come, the cubs would be shifted to Bannerghatta Biological Park as per instructions from Mysuru Division DCF K. Kamala Karikalan and RFO Girish.

Renowned announcer 'Mike Chandru' no more

Mysuru, Sept. 12- City's renowned announcer and campaigner N. Chandrashekar (71), passed away yesterday night at Ranebennur, following a heart attack. Popularly known as 'Mike Chandru,' he leaves behind his wife Sulochana and a host of relatives and friends.

A resident of J.P. Nagar here, Chandru had gone to Ranebennur to meet his ailing sister where he collapsed in the bathroom last night. Though he was being rushed to a hospital, he breathed his last mid way.

His body was brought to his residence in city this morning, where it was kept for the public to pay their last respects. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

It may be recalled that the Department of Posts, Mysuru Division, had released a Special Cover on 'Town Crier' Mike Chandru in the year 2018 recognising his unique skill in the profession of announcement for various cultural, sports and political events.

A native of T. Narasipur, Chandru was a popular mike announcer for over five decades and

Mike Chandru

was sought after by many programme organisers, irrespective of cultural events, musical nites, orchestra or even political rallies.

He was proficient in several languages like Kannada, English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. He was a regular announcer at Dasara exhibition and had served many orchestra troupes.

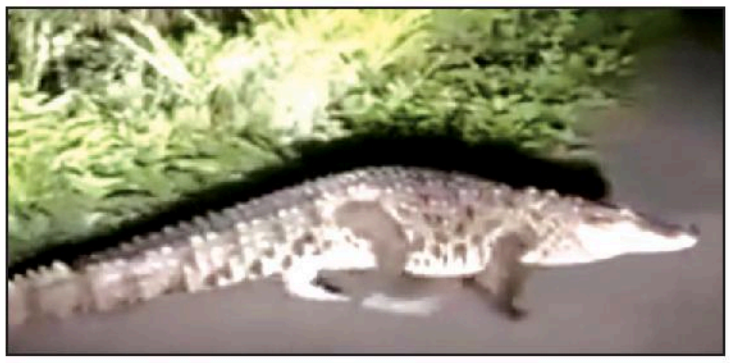
Chandru began his journey as a theatre artiste and had worked with several troupes such as Amara Kala Sangha, Kalapriya and Samudaya to name a few. He had even acted with famous actor late Hirannaiah in his popular play 'Lanchavathara.'

During elections, he started creating awareness on compulsory voting in villages that had even attracted the attention of BBC, which even interviewed him.

Crocodile spotted near Virija Canal

Srirangapatna, Sept. 12 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A huge crocodile was spotted on the banks of Virija Canal at Palahalli near Srirangaptna on Thursday night, causing a sense of fear among the villagers. A tourist, who first spotted the huge croc, captured a video of it which is doing rounds on social media.

As Palahalli is very close to Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, which houses crocodiles in large numbers, it is common for the public to spot the reptiles in places



surrounding the bird sanctuary.

It is learnt that crocodiles come out of the river in search of food, especially when the level of water in River Cauvery depletes.

Following the spotting of the croc, Forest Department staff have placed a cage to capture it.

Vidyaranyapuram jewellery shop dacoity case

Accused remanded to judicial custody

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (RK&KS)- All the eight accused, who were involved in looting of gold ornaments from a jewellery store at Vidyaranyapuram and shooting dead a bystander here on Aug. 23 evening, have been remanded to judicial custody, said City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta.

He further said that on Aug. 23 evening, a gang of four dacoits, had barged into Amruth Gold and Silver Palace located on the 14th Main Road in Vidyaranyapuram, had looted gold ornaments and had also shot dead Chandru, a bystander before fleeing from the spot.

Investigation had revealed that there were eight people involved in the crime out of which the Police were successful in arresting seven accused from other States, the Top Cop said and added that the Police had taken the accused into their custody for questioning and all the accused were produced before a Magistrate who has remanded them to judicial custody.

The mastermind of the crime is a Mysurean, who owns a jewellery shop at Mahadevapura and traded gold and silver has also been arrested and the City Police have stayed put in Mumbai to trace and arrest the ninth accused nicknamed as 'Bombay Budda,' who has gone absconding with a major portion of the loot.

Bike rider injured as plant creeper encircles tyre

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (RK&DM)- In a bizarre incident, a bike rider sustained injuries after his bike skidded when a plant creeper encircled a tyre of his two-wheeler while crossing a road-hump near Manuganahalli check-post on Mysuru-Hunsur Road on Thursday morning.

The youth was reportedly proceeding on the bike from Yelwal to Bilikere when the self-accident occurred and his identity was not immediately known.

Even as the youth lied on the road with profuse bleeding caused by head injuries after he fell off from the bike which skidded after the overgrown plant creeper that stretched on to the

road encircled one of the tyres, neither the onlookers, passersby nor the locals made any attempts to shift him to a hospital. But K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh, who happened to pass by in his car at the same time, got down from his car after seeing the injured youth lying on the road and called an ambulance. The ambulance which arrived at the spot from Yelwal within minutes, rushed the injured youth to a Hospital at Mysuru.

The MLA, who was travelling to his constituency K.R. Nagar, was appalled to see the callousness of by-standers who did not come forward to immediately call an ambulance and shift the bleeding youth to a hospital.

Meanwhile, the jurisdictional Bilikere Police said on Thursday that the injured youth has been admitted to a hospital in Mysuru and not much details about him was known right now as the Police are yet to get a memo from the Hospital.

Obituary

Sajida Begum

Mysuru, Sept. 12- Sajida Begum (65), wife of late Shaikh Ahmed and a resident of Azeez Sait Nagar on Mahadevapura Road, passed away yesterday evening at her residence following brief illness. She was the younger sister of Abdul Azeez Chand of Darul Uloom Siddiqia in city.

She leaves behind one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

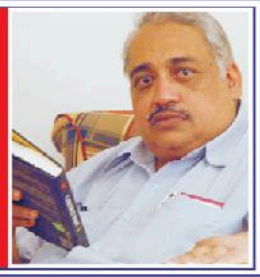
Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Abu Akhil, Azeez Sait Nagar after Zohar today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Yugendra Reddy

B.A. Yugendra Reddy, a cement dealer and a resident of Dr. Rajkumar Road near Triveni Circle, passed away yesterday in city.

His last rites were performed at his native place — Burujanaroppa village of Hiriyur taluk in Chitradurga district — this afternoon, according to family sources.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

After revealing Her past to the Nun, the Soothsayer reveals His own past!

In my last article I narrated the story of how during a train journey, exactly 40 years ago, I once amazed all my fellow travellers and shocked a nun who was travelling with us by reading her palm and correctly revealing her past. When she became very emotional and requested me to tell her how I did it with such amazing accuracy, I had to relent and give away my secret which I did.

Sr. Petrina as an young nun.

The author's cousins' house in Honavar.

Sr. Petrina's last photo taken by the author.

Even as she was wiping her tears, after I reminded her of a painful past event from her life, I smiled and told her that I was the first cousin of the six siblings who had been her students from across the mountains, fifteen years ago, about whom I had spoken during my seemingly clairvoyant palm reading! That is when she screamed, "Oh, my God," in disbelief and held her arms across her chest in an act of great relief!

Now it is time for me to take my readers back in time and begin this story from its very beginning. Way back in the year 1965, my first cousin, S. **Jameel Ahmed,** who sadly is no more and who was a science graduate from the **St. Philomena's College,** here in Mysuru, was appointed as a lecturer in a newly-started college at **Honnavar,** a small coastal town in **Uttara Kannada** district. That was the time when his five younger siblings were studying in different classes in various schools in and around Chikkamagalur. Very soon after he moved to Honnavar, he revealed that the place had a good convent school called **The Holy Rosary Convent School,** managed by nuns, just next to his college.

So, at a family meeting, it was decided to get his five younger brothers and one sister admitted to this school, which would enable all of them to get educated in one place, under the guardianship and supervision of their eldest brother. **When I read her palm and told Sr. Petrina that she was instrumental in even drawing many children from a very distant, mountainous region to her school and giving them an education, I was talking of my cousins who became her students.** After getting admitted to this school they took a house on rent, across the road, bang opposite their school and started staying there. This quaint tiled house and their long, tiled school with a huge playground in front, were both located in a very picturesque spot from where you could not only see the waves breaking but also hear them endlessly by day and by night. **This is the endless, enchanting music I had mentioned in my palm reading session!**

Incidentally, this house where I too used to regularly spend much time during my school holidays, was owned by **Vittal Bhat,** a bakery owner, popularly called Bhatta by everyone. **He used to bake the best butter biscuits I have ever eaten in my life and my cousins would always ensure that they were well stocked with these goodies, well before my visits to their place!**

In addition to this, they had employed a very capable cook caked **Akbar Sab,** a lean and lanky man, who was simply a culinary wizard. His particularly great creations were his fish fry and fiery red fish curry, followed very closely by his unique Khichdi, prepared entirely with thick coconut milk. They were indeed a mouth-watering trio, the taste of which I remember to this day, long after those delightful days of my childhood are gone forever!

So, in addition to the sun, the sea, the sand and the seashells I would always collect as I walked on the beach in the magical company of my cousins, the magic of Bhatta's biscuits and Akbar Sab's magical cooking and the brief stopover en-route, to view the Jog Falls, were also the strong reasons for me to eagerly head to Honnavar during my holidays! **While my footprints on the sands of the Honnavar beach have long gone, my memories of those happy days, along with every one of the sea shells I collected then, thankfully still remain with me as the treasures of my childhood! Incidentally, Pierce Harris has very rightly said that 'Our memory is like a child walking along the sea-shore. You never can tell what small pebble or shell it will pick up and store away among its most treasured things!'**

Sr. Petrina, who was a very young nun then, was the Head Mistress of The Holy Rosary Convent School and with her passion for imparting education to everyone she could set her eyes on, she played a very important role in imparting it to my cousins too, along with the poise and polish that could in those days be acquired only in convent schools! With her imposing role in their most formative years, she naturally became their 'super-hero' in a remarkably short time.

The result was that all the stories of their school and its various activities which they would tell me when we were together during our holidays, were invariably interspersed by a mention of the energy and charisma of their dynamic head mistress!

When I shocked Sr. Petrina by telling her about how she was shattered by the untimely and violent death of a close friend and benefactor, I was talking about Rafiq Mulla, who was very close to her and who had constantly supported her fledgling school in every possible way. He was a young man from Bijapur who had been posted to Honnavar as a Police Sub-Inspector and who died in a ghastly car accident on the outskirts of the town while on duty. I too had met him a couple of times.

Although I had met Sr. Petrina a good many times during my visits to Honnavar, it was very unlikely that she would remember me from the days of my childhood, when I met her on the train more than fifteen years later. The reason for this is, like most growing children, I too had left my childhood countenance far behind me!

But I had not forgotten her face. So the moment I saw the three nuns entering the train compartment, her all too familiar face rang a bell in my mind. To confirm my suspicion I quickly stepped outside the compartment and checked the names of the passengers on the reservation slip pasted alongside the door. Yes, I was right. Her name was there! **I resumed my seat and that was when I hatched the plan to have some fun at her cost and also give here the surprise of her lifetime! And, you know the story from there all too well!**

After we parted company at the Bangalore Railway station the next day, after our overnight journey, I invited her and her companions to visit my family in Mysuru which they said they would be happy to do. But that visit did not materialise then. But not very long afterwards we happened to meet once again and this time too on the same train from Gulbarga to Bengaluru! That day she was in the company of **Sr. Clarabelle** a much younger nun and **Sr. Adele** whom I now knew all too well from our previous memorable meeting! **I wonder if nuns always travel in groups of three!** And, this time the trio did come home and they spent a long time chatting with my parents and siblings over tea. Then I took them on a visit to the Brindavan Gardens which they were eager to see and saw them off the next day at the railway station. After that, while I was working as an intern in Gulbarga, upon her request, I used to visit her school, The St. Joseph's Convent School, twice a week and teach human biology to her students, as an untrained school teacher!

Sr. Petrina spent her last days in retirement at the **Avila Convent** here in Mysuru and she was an occasional visitor to our house as long as she could move around comfortably. **I last met her at the convent on 13th, October, 2019 when I clicked what I think is perhaps her last photograph! May her soul rest in peace! Amen.**

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Thousands attend NEET in city

Students undergo thermal screening ahead of the NEET at an exam centre in city this afternoon. Picture right shows students seated at a centre well in advance.

Mysuru, Sept.12 (RK&DM)- The NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test)-2021 for admission to Under-Graduate Medical (MBBS), Dental (BDS) and Medical courses began at 29 centres spread across the city and two other centres in the district, with all Government SOPs on COVID in place.

Latha, of JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar, who is the Nodal Officer for the exams in the city, told *Star of Mysore* that the National Testing Agency (NTA) is conducting the NEET for admission to Medical, Dental and other medical colleges across the country. Pointing out that the exam is held in 29 centres in city and two in the district — Nanjangud and Periyapatna — she said that the exam is held from 2 pm to 5 pm for a total of 720 marks. All the students are required to strictly adhere to COVID appropriate behaviour, she said and added that the halls in all centres have been sanitized ahead of the National-level exam.

She further said that thousands of students are appearing at the city centres and they are required to report at their respective centre well in advance for medical check up and scrutiny of Hall tickets and other records.

The Police have enforced prohibitory orders in 200 mts. radius of all exam centres for smooth conduct of the exam. Also, all photo copy shops in the vicinity of the exam centres have been asked to shut down for the day.

NEET is also being held at eight other places in the State — Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mangaluru, Udupi, Kalaburagi, Davanagere, Hubballi and Dharwad — in a total of 201 centres. Over 16 lakh students of the country have registered for NEET this year.

Controversy erupts as leaders raise voice

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MP Pratap Simha warned of launching a 'Save Temples' movement. "We have learnt that the authorities have decided to demolish the 101 Ganapati Temple on Sept. 22. This was constructed in 1955 and people from across the city and district have a virtuous bonding with the Temple for decades. The District Administration should not play with the emotions, attachments and religious feelings of the people," he noted.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, BJP City President T.S. Srivatsa, Corporators Sowmya and M.U. Subbaiah, 101 Ganapati Temple Management Committee President Rudraswamy, Backward Classes Morcha President Jogi Manju and others were present.

G.T. Devegowda joins debate

Speaking to reporters at an event in Ganabharathi this morning, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda lashed out against the District Administration for what he called targeting of Temples. "Do not test the patience of the people. If people revolt, will you be able to sustain it, he asked and demanded that the officers must analyse the Supreme Court and High Court directives before going ahead with demolition.

"No other district has been asked to demolish Temples and why only Mysuru is being targeted? Have the authorities followed the Supreme Court ruling on saving lakes? How many lakes and water bodies have they saved while honouring Supreme Court judgements? Have you evicted encroachments on even one lake," he questioned.

Temples have existed since ages and the District Administration must honour the religious sentiments. "This is a complete mess by the District Administration and by certain officers who do not know the ground reality. Mysuru people are peace-loving and officers must not hurt their religious sentiments," he warned.

Siddharamaiah flays district authorities

Former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has condemned the demolition of an ancient Hindu Temple at Nanjangud and said that the BJP Government should have consulted the local residents before taking such an action, which has hurt the religious sentiments of the people.

"The destruction of an ancient Temple in Nanjangud is condemnable. Since it was a sensitive issue, the BJP should have spoken to the local residents. The demolition was done without the consultation with the people in the region and has hurt the religious sentiments," he said in a series of tweets yesterday.

The officials concerned have not followed the due process, he said. "Though there was a Court order, the administration should have given a thought before implementing it (order)," he said in another tweet.

He demanded that a piece of land be earmarked to construct a Temple there to compensate for the demolition. Mysuru District officials, however, claimed they merely followed the orders sent for demolishing illegal religious structures, stating that the Temple was not on Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) maps and was only 12 years old.

Cops are back

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Though random checks were leading to slowing down traffic movement, the decision to resume random checking across the city was taken up as motorists are also ignoring repeated notices to pay outstanding dues, Police said.

"During the peak COVID season, the Police top brass had instructed the lower-level officers to stay away from physical verification as it was risky to stop vehicles and physically check every offender. However, with most of the guidelines being relaxed and traffic back on the city roads, they have been asked to keep a regular check on traffic offences and randomly check vehicle users for relevant documents, Department sources told *Star of Mysore*.

The random checking drive has been launched under the leadership of traffic ACP Gangadharaswamy and yesterday, the Narasimharaja Police were on the field from 11.30 am till 6 pm at Fountain Circle, near St. Philomena's Church, Nehru Circle, Government Ayurveda College Circle, J.K. Grounds, Old RMC Circle and other areas where the traffic density is high.

Today, the drive was held at Devaraja Traffic Police limits and such drives will be conducted in all the limits of Police stations in the city. Individual Police Stations are selected each day for effective implementation and monitoring.

During lockdown and weekend curfews, the Police were digitally recording the offences and many cops were seen sitting or standing in a corner and taking pictures of traffic violators and then later sending the challans to their registered addresses. This, however, did not yield desired results forcing the Cops to resume physical checking. Even the digital system will continue to augment penalty collection, sources said.

The document checking and violation drive was led by Traffic Inspectors Prasanna Kumar, Muniyappa, Manjunath, Nataraj and Arunakumari and they were assisted by Sub-Inspectors Nataraju, Pooja, Bhagya, Madan Kumar, Anil Kumar, Nagaraj and staff.

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Cyclothon spreads awareness on importance of sports

To spread awareness on importance of sports along with academics, Delhi Public School (DPS) Mysore had organised a cyclothon recently from Mysore Palace North Gate on the occasion of 'National Sports Day' which commemorates the birth anniversary of hockey legend Dhyan Chand. Kaleemulla, Admin Manager, DPS Mysore, inaugurated the event led by Physical Education Department's G.S. Sandhya Rani and Ramdoss along with NCC CTO M. Mamatha Prasad. Enthusiastic students from Grade 8 to 12 and teachers participated in this event.

Mysuru college honours State women cricketers

Renowned women cricketers of the State — Rakshitha Krishnappa and S. Shubha — who were felicitated at MIT are seen with Principal Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Secretary Dr. T. Vasudev and President Dr. S. Murali.

Mysuru, Sept. 12- Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), Mysuru, had organised a two-day sports and cultural meet recently to mark the celebration of this year's National Sports Day (Birth Anniversary of Hockey Wizard Dhyan Chand - Aug. 29).

The event was inaugurated by two of the renowned women cricketers of the State, Rakshitha Krishnappa, the State's Captain and S. Shubha, by watering the sapling. The two cricketers were felicitated by Principal Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Secretary Dr. T. Vasudev and President Dr. S. Murali during the inaugural programme.

The Principal, in his address, remembered the greatness of Major Dhyan Chand, whose birth anniversary is aptly celebrated as National Sports Day.

Rakshitha, in her short speech, emphasised on the importance of participating in outdoor sports. She also called for use of Kannada in Karnataka and attracted a huge round of applause from the audience.

Shubha said that the sports helps in creating a lot of positivity and allows to lead life with dignity.

In his presidential address, Dr. Murali raised concerns over the addiction of youths to mobile phones and called for a change of mindset.

Their speech was followed by an oath-taking ceremony to stay sportive in any situation and uphold the sportsman spirit throughout the two-day event.

H. Dhanya Sundar, PED and A.M. Aniruddha, Administrative Officer, were present.

Rotaract Club of VVCE installed

The Board of Directors for the society year 2021-22 of Rotaract Club of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) were installed recently. Seen in the picture are (sitting from left) Dr. G.V. Naveen Prakash, Professor & Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE, Rtn. Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Secretary, Rotary Mysore West, Rtn. Aditya Desiraju, Director - Youth Service, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Rtn. Dr. B. Chandra (President), Rotary Mysore West, Installing Officer Rtn. C.S. Ravishankar, Assistant Governor, District 3181, Rtr. Vivek Chandrashekhar, President, Rotaract Club, 2021-22, Rtr. Mekhala Rao, Secretary, 2021-22, Rtr. Saamat Riyan, Immediate Past President, and Rtr. Yashas, Past Secretary; (standing from left) Rtr. Sumukh Bharadwaj - Zonal Rotaract, Rtr. Numan - District Secretary Administrator, Rtr. Darryl Steven D'souza - District Rotaract, Rtr. M. Himashree - Director of Community Services, Rtr. M. Aishwarya Sudarshini - Joint secretary, Rtr. P. Ganavi - Director of Club Services, Rtr. Shubham Sain - Treasurer, Rtr. S. Jayanth - Sergeant-at-Arms, Rtr. S. Siddharth - President-Elect, Rtr. S.H. Sathwik Jain - Vice-President, Rtr. L. Santhosh (Director of Vocational Services), Rtr. H.V. Naveen (Director of International Services) and Rtr. Rahul Bharadwaj (Director of Youth Services).

Rotary Mysore West felicitates doctors

Rotary Mysore West felicitated many renowned doctors of Mysuru city at Rotary West auditorium in city recently as part of Doctors' Day celebrations. Seen in the picture are (sitting from left) Dr. M. Revanna, Dr. R.M. Basavaraju, Dr. Rajkumar Wadhwa, Dr. V. Keshava Murthy, Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, Dr. Prakash, Dr. Lakshmegowda, Dr. C.D. Thibbegowda, Dr. A. Sonia Mandappa, Dr. P. Shastara and Dr. A.R. Renuka Prasad (not in picture) with the office-bearers of Rotary Mysore West and Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West — (standing) PDG Rtn. G.K. Balakrishnan, PDG Rtn. R. Krishna, Rtn. Dr. Chandra, President, Rtn. Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Secretary, Rtn. P. Gangadhara Gowda, Treasurer, Rtn. G.K. Sudheendra, Director, Club Services, PP Rtn. B.S. Sridhar Raj Urs, Bulletin Editor from Rotary Mysore West & Ann. Bhavani Chandra, President, Ann. Shwetha Krishna, Secretary, Ann. Suma Gangadhara Gowda, Treasurer from Inner Wheel Club of Mysore West.

All efforts on to trap elusive tiger

70 cameras installed; four stolen; 100 plus staff in six teams conduct search operation

Hanagod, Sept. 12 (Mahesh& KS)- The Forest Department is making all efforts to trace and trap the elusive tiger that had killed a tribal youth of Ayyanakere Tribal Hamlet near Veeranahosahalli in Nagarahole National Park on Sept. 7. However, the Department staff are facing a new problem – stealing of camera traps.

The Forest officials today began combing operations using tamed elephants Arjuna and Balarama. Department personnel, who have been conducting combing operations to trap the elusive tiger for four days, had installed about 70 camera traps to trace the tiger, but miscreants have stolen four camera traps.

Yesterday afternoon, the tiger attacked a cow and a goat and the cow died today. While miscreants have stolen four camera traps, the tiger is attacking livestock and poachers are killing deer. This has turned into a headache to the Forest officials.

Addressing a press meet at Neralakuppe Elephant Camp in Nagarahole yesterday, Conservator of Forests Chetan said that efforts are being made to trap the tiger and tribals have been asked not to move around for about six to seven kilometres in the surroundings of the spot where the youth was killed.

But despite this, the tribals are moving around and are also taking out their cattle for grazing into the forest and one Surendra was caught with deer meat at Shindenahalli, said Chetan. He expressed displeasure about miscreants stealing camera traps that were installed to trace the tiger.

Pointing out that more than 70 camera traps have been installed and more than 100 staff in six teams were conducting the operation, Chetan said that they did not get any clues about the tiger for the first two days and added that the tiger with a wound on its back was trapped in cameras that were installed in two places.

This apart, three tigers have been trapped in cameras installed at the same spot which is making it difficult for the Forest officials to identify the killer tiger, Chetan said and added that help from experts has been sought during the combing operation.

Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Mahadevu, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Anantharaju, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Naveen, Siddaraju, Veerabhadraiah and others were present.

Samyukta Kisan Morcha calls for Karnataka bandh on Sept. 27

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (PM&AK)- "Opposing the three Farm Bills and to extend support to the Rashtriya Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), Karnataka bandh has been called on Sept. 27," informed Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shanthakumar.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here yesterday, he said, "The Central Government should take back the three Farm Bills, should stop privatising Power Corporations and cut down the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG cylinder. Since the BJP came to power, there is frequent increase on the prices of essential commodities. Even other political parties do not come forward to support farmers during the initial days of protest and they come only on the last day."

He urged the elected representatives and other political parties to come and extend support in the beginning itself. Pointing out that more than 500 farmer associations under Rashtriya Samyukta Kisan Morcha have called for Bharath Bandh on Sept. 27, Shanthakumar said that they will be extending support to them and called for Karnataka Bandh on the same day.

The Central Government has not fixed the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane since two years. Earlier, the FRP was Rs. 285 per quintal which was increased by only Rs. 5. If the Government does not increase the FRP, more than 20 lakh sugarcane growers will hold protest in front of Vidhana Soudha, he said. On Sept. 8, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, a pro organisation of RSS held a protest opposing the Farm Bills and it seems that Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Shobha Karandlaje is not bothered about farmers' wellbeing, he added.

Sugarcane Growers Association Organising Secretary Attahalli Devaraj, District Secretary Hallikere Hundi Bhagyaraj, General Secretary Shankar and others were present.

Kayaka Samaja to hold massive protest in Bengaluru on Sept. 20

Mysuru, Sept. 12 (PM&AK)- Urging the State Government not to include Panchamasali community under 2A Reservation out of pressure, as it will be unfair for the Kayaka Samaja, former MLC and Kayaka Samaja Okkuta State President K.V. Puttasidda Shetty said that the Okkuta will be holding a massive protest in this regard at Bengaluru on Sept. 20.

Speaking at the Okkuta's Executive Meeting held at Jaladarshini Guest House yesterday, he said, "Giving 2A reservation to Lingayat community which has a strong sub-caste like Lingayat Panchamasali, Lingayat Gowda, Malegowda Lingayat and Deeksha Lingayat. was like injustice to Kayaka Samaja which already has 2A Reservation, a memorandum a memorandum will be submitted to the Chief Minister in Bengaluru."

Continuing, he said that though it has been 75 years since India got independence, backward communities are still being ruled by the upper community and added that reservation was meant for the development of oppressed community, but people from upper community were also demanding reservation for them. Pointing out that even Kayaka Samaja includes Madivala, Savitha Samaja, Ganiga, Kumbara, Uppara, Vishwakarma, Ediga and Yadava, he said that people belonging to these communities are hard working and were facing injustice till today by the upper community.

Kayaka Samaja at present has 15 percent reservation under 2A category and it is unfortunate that a seer belonging to upper caste Lingayat community was demanding 2A reservation, complained the former MLC.

Being a seer, it's sad to see that Swamiji is taking a stand in favour of one particular community. Although Panchamasali community is enjoying the privilege of 5 percent reservation, they are still demanding 2A Reservation, which is not correct, he added.

Kayaka Samaja Okkuta State General Secretary Borappa Shetty, Treasurer Lakshmikanth, Organising Secretary Puttanaiah and others were present at the meeting.

VHP protests against demolition of religious structures

Mysuru, Sept.12 (PM&DM)- Accusing the District administration of targeting only temples during the drives for demolishing places of worship built illegally at public places, activists of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here yesterday.

Contending that the Supreme Court in its order has clearly said that the demolition should be done only if absolutely necessary, the protestors maintained that the authorities should take clear note of this before carrying out the demolition.

Arguing that there should be no discriminatory practices in the execution of the SC order, they pointed out that the SC has also clarified that the authorities can also consider regularisation of places of worship wherever possible and to shift them elsewhere if it is not possible to do so. But the district administration without bothering to take elected representatives and devotees into confidence, was carrying out the drive all of a sudden and razing temples.

Reiterating that the authorities must follow the SC directions that demolition must be taken up only after giving an opportunity for relocation of temples which impeded public and traffic movement, the VHP activists claimed that the authorities have ignored this point.

They urged the district administration to properly understand the SC order and take measures on a priority for regularisation of temples.

Contending that repeated appeals have been made to the Government in this regard, they warned of intensifying the protest if targeted demolition is not stopped immediately.

VHP leaders V.B. Pradeep Kumar, Rajendra Babu, Mariyappa, Ramakrishnaiah and others took part in the protest.

WORD OF THE DAY

Adamantine

Pronunciation: ad-uh-MAN-teen.
Meaning: Rigidly firm or unyielding.
Origin: The Greek and Latin word for the hardest imaginable substance, whether applied to a legendary stone or an actual substance, such as diamond, was adamas. Latin poets used the term figuratively for things lasting, firm, or unbending, and the adjective adamantinus was applied in similar contexts. The English noun adamant (meaning "an unbreakable or extremely hard substance") as well as the adjective adamant ("inflexible" or "unyielding") came from adamas. Adamantine, however — which has such figurative uses as "rigid," "firm," and "unyielding" — came from adamantinus. Adamas is also the source of diamond. Diamas, the Latin term for diamond, is an alteration of adamas.
Example: "The black-and-white illustrations ... conjure up wind-borne snows, cliffs that rear up like waves, and waves that look as adamantine as rock." — Susannah Clapp, The Observer (London), 5 June 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Ablow

In a blowing state.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

A penny saved is a penny earned

Meaning: It is as useful to save money that you already have as it is to earn more.
Origin: Almost everyone has heard of this famous expression. Unlike many others, the origin of the idiom 'a penny saved is a penny earned' is well known — it comes from Benjamin Franklin's book, Poor Richard's Almanack. Interestingly, this successful series of books which was filled with advice, household hints and amusing puzzles, also contained numerous witty phrases such as the one in question; like it, many of them are still in use today.
Example: "I'm going to give you $20, but I want you to put it in the bank; a penny saved is a penny earned!"

QUOTE BOX

Pennies do not come from Heaven. They have to be earned here on earth.
—Margaret Thatcher

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

PM T

Answer: Afternoon tea.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Ancient Roman days
5 Greek goddess of dawn
8 Yogita __ or Geeta ___?
12 N in NB
13 Invoice fig.
14 Wraths
15 Go from one side to the other
17 Roman 57
18 Everybody
19 On the water
21 Smelly and despicable creature?
24 Mine, in Aix
25 A liquid measure
26 Framework of the body
30 Inventor Whitney
31 Record-keeper
32 Music director Malik
33 Innards
35 In _ __ : stagnant? (1,3)
36 Former name of Mongolia's capital
37 Gross or indelicate
38 Bollywood's ___ Deo
41 Stomach informally
42 "Loaf" around as a king !
43 Indefatigable
48 Carte du jour
49 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
50 Return of sound?
51 Pare or flake off
52 Edible tuber
53 On one's ___ : alert or eager?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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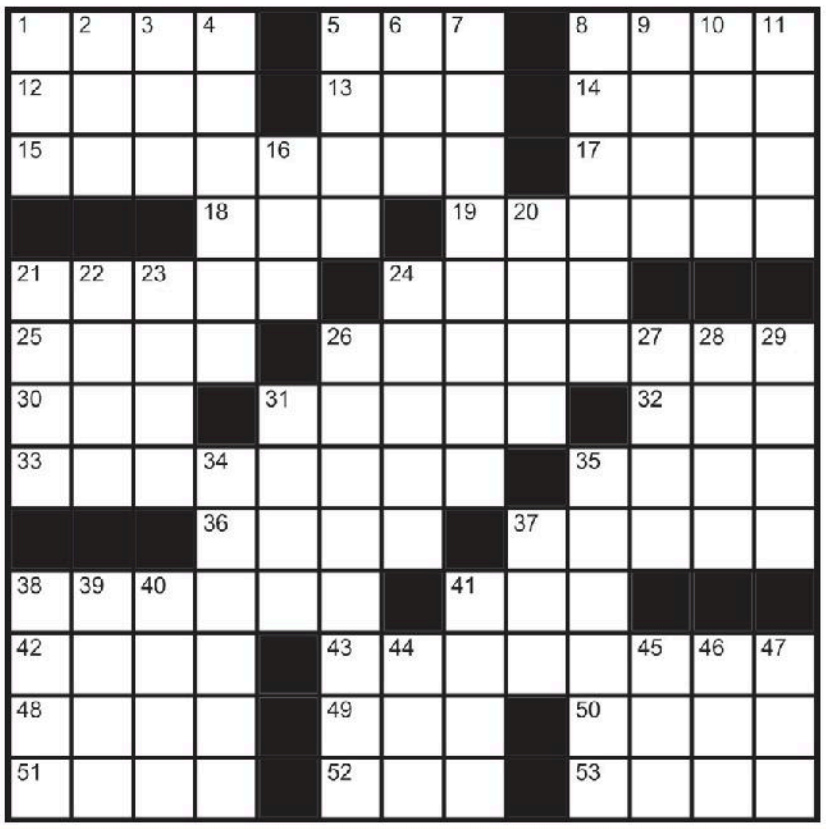
Down
1 Indian National Theatre, in short
2 Black beetle
3 Estimated Time of Arr.
4 Scholar
5 A lord like Lear
6 Mantric words
7 Turbine-driven liners
8 Pop star ___ Eilish
9 Afternoon for the Aussie
10 Star Wars' Princes ___
11 A small question expressing doubt, wonder or disbelief? (2,2)
16 Large deer
20 People in general
21 WWI German admiral
22 Pottery oven
23 A small detachment of soldiers
24 Cub Scout leader
26 Just a bit
27 Scarlett's home
28 Responsibility
29 Almonds, cashews, etc
31 Engine-driven four-wheelers
34 Contrite
35 Sleeve band
37 Signal to actor
38 Play about roughly and energetically
39 Out of the wind
40 The hairy part of a lion's neck
41 Cut down to shape
44 International Standard Atmosphere
45 Green prefix?
46 A female person or animal
47 Skipper's plea



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Answer to previous puzzle

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8	2	9	3	5	4	1	7	6
5	4	6	2	1	7	9	8	3
7	1	3	6	9	8	2	5	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TMMUYKHG XBM YKRYGOMKGXSJM CIMK

PFV RFK'U CXKU UF RF XKPUIYKH.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is well that war is so terrible - otherwise we would grow too fond of it.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Mafia Bigg Boss (H) - 4 shows

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Shang-Chi and The Legend (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 6.20 pm
	(S-4)	12.30 pm
Laabam (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm; (S-3) 3.30 pm
The Croods: A New Age (E)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Fast and Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm; (S-3) 10.10 am
	(S-4)	3.05 pm, 6.05 pm
Lanke (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
Malignant (E)	(S-2)	6.35 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Seetimaarr (Te)	(S-3)	6.15 pm
Osho (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am

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Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.40 pm
Laabam (Ta)	(S-1)	5.10 pm; (S-4) 9.50 am
Lanke (K)	(S-2)	2.10 pm; (S-3) 12.55 pm
Malignant (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am; (S-4) 3.55 pm
Shang-Chi And The Legend (E)	(S-3)	2.55 pm, 6 pm
Fast And Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Seetimaarr (Te)	(S-2)	5.20 pm
The Croods: A New Age (E)	(S-3)	12.30 pm; (S-4) 6.30 pm

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Shang-Chi and The Legend (K)	:	11.30 am
Shang-Chi and The Legend (H)	:	4.30 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (E)	:	8.40 am, 10 am, 11.10 am 2.20 pm, 5.30 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (K)	:	5.45 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (H)	:	1.15 pm
Nootokka Jillala Andagadu (Te)	:	2.40 pm
Bell Bottom (H-2D)	:	11.50 am, 6.05 pm
Chehre (H)	:	2.50 pm

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Fast and Furious 9: Fast Saga (K)	:	5.15 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (E)	:	10.45 am, 11.25 am 2.35 pm, 5.45 pm
Shang-Chi And The Legend (K)	:	11.15 am
Shang-Chi And The Legend (E)	:	9 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm
Bell Bottom (H-2D)	:	2.15 pm

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Lanke (K)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 3.45 pm
	(S-4)	12.55 pm
Thalaivii (Ta)	(S-1)	12.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 3.40 pm
	(S-4)	6.05 pm
Laabam (Ta)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 3.35 pm
Seetimaarr (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.05 pm 3.40 pm, 6.15 pm
Shang-Chi and The Legend (E)	(S-3)	6.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

US Open

Britain's teenager scripts history, wins Women's Singles title

Washington, Sept. 12- Britain's 18-year-old Emma Raducanu became the first qualifier to capture a Grand Slam title by defeating Canada's 19-year-old Leylah Fernandez in the US Open women's final today.

Raducanu, ranked 150th, was the first British woman in 44 years to win a Slam crown after dispatching 73rd-ranked left-hander Fernandez 6-4, 6-3. Not since Virginia Wade in 1977 at Wimbledon had a British woman taken a Slam singles title, with Raducanu the first Briton to claim the US Open crown since Wade in 1968.

Wade and British men's tennis legend Tim Henman were among a sellout crowd of 23,700 that created an electric atmosphere at Arthur Ashe Stadium in the first-ever women's Slam final between unseeded players.

The showdown of prodigy talents was the first all-teen Slam final since 17-year-old Serena Williams beat 18-year-old Martina Hingis for the 1999 US Open crown. Raducanu is the youngest US Open champion since Williams in 1999 and the first US Open women's champion not to drop a set since Williams in 2014.

Raducanu had the fewest Slam starts of any women's Slam winner, reaching the fourth round in July at Wimbledon in her only prior Slam appearance while Fernandez had won only four matches in six prior Slam appearances.

Fernandez, who turned 19 on Monday, had ousted defending champion Naomi Osaka, second-ranked Aryna Sabalenka, fifth seed Elina Svitolina and 3-time Slam winner Angelique Kerber in her epic run to the final.

Winner Emma Raducanu** (right) **of Great Britain and runner-up Leylah Annie Fernandez of Canada pose with their trophies after their Women's Singles final match of US Open yesterday.

US OPEN - FINALS

TODAY'S MATCH (SEPT. 12)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

11 Caty McNally & Coco Gauff Vs
14 Samantha Stosur & Zhang Shuai **10.30 pm (IST)**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (SEPT. 13)

MEN'S SINGLES

1 Novak Djokovic Vs **2 Daniil Medvedev** **1.30 am (IST)**

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Great Britain's Joe Salisbury** (right) **and American Desirae Krawczyk lift the Mixed Doubles trophy on Saturday.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 12)

- **Himalaya Foundation and NaMo Yogabhavan:** Sri Pathanjali Maharshigala Samsmaranotsava, felicitation to International Yoga exponent Srihari Iyengar, Sri Somashekara Swamiji of Vishwavibhuti Basava Mandira Ashram, Mysuru, graces the occasion, senior social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee inaugurates, Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar offers floral tribute, former President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal presides, Corporator B.V. Manjunath and Paramahamsa Yogamahavidyalaya President Shivaprakash Guruji chief guest, NaMo Yogabhavan, Ramanuja Road, **5.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 13)

- **Department of Ophthalmology, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Equipment dedication and felicitation of gold medallists (toppers in Ophthalmology), Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean & Director, MMC&RI presides; Dr. S. Chandrashekar Shetty, Vice-Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University, dedicates equipment, presentation of gold medals by guests of honour G.P. Diwakar, District Governor, 2017-18, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Grant Administrator, K.S. Guru Raja, Project Chairperson and Dr. M.A. Shekhar, Member - GC and ex-Director, Diabetic, Research Centre, Government of Karnataka; Special invitees - B.N. Veena, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), MMC&RI, Mahadeva Nayak, Financial Advisor (FA), MMC&RI, Dr. K.R. Dakshayini, Principal, MMC&RI and Dr. B.L. Nanjundaswamy, Medical Superintendent, K.R. Hospital, Meeting Hall, K.R. Hospital, **3 pm.**

Joe Salisbury completes US Open double

Great Britain's Joe Salisbury completed a US Open double on Saturday as he lifted the Mixed Doubles trophy with American Desirae Krawczyk, just a day after winning the Men's Doubles title with Rajeev Ram.

The second seeds produced a dominant performance, winning 82 per cent (28/34) of their first-serve points as they overcame Marcelo Arevalo and Giuliana Olmos 7-5, 6-2 to capture their second major title as a team.

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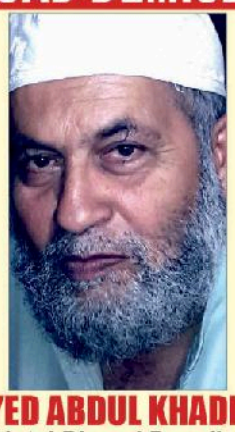

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